

REMARKS

Claims 3-6 have been amended. New claims 8 and 9 have been added. Claims 1-9 are therefore presented for consideration. Since the present amendment removes any multiple dependency, no additional claim fee is required. The Abstract of the Disclosure has also been amended.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- an amended Abstract of the Disclosure